(c) As a follow-up to the recommendations made in the ODA Workshop, ICAR has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Resources International (UK) to take up the joint research projects in the areas of interest identified in the Workshop.

Protection of Tigers

2219. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh has been declared as a Tigar State in the country;

(b) if so, the financial assistance provided for protection and to increase the number of tigers in the State ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to obtain financial aid from the World Bank for protection of tigers in the country ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Financial aid given to the State by Government of India for management of tiger project areas in last five years and the number of tigers reported in the State is given in the attached Statement.

(c) and (d) While there is no project proposal from Government of India to obtain financial aid from the World Bank for the protection of Tigers in the country as such, but Global Environmental Facility has launched a project for US $ 67 million over 5 years for ecodevelopment which include 6 major tiger bearing areas.

Statement

Statement showing the release of Central assistance in Madhya Pradesh during last five years

PROJECT TIGER SCHEME

Years	Amount in Rs.
1992-93	89,09,200
1993-94	125,10,400
1994-95	142,59,500
1995-96	140,97,900
1996-97	141,57,000

ECO-DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Years	Amount in Rs.
1992-93	26,29,000
1993-94	29,43,500
1994-95	38,48,200
1995-96	26,27,000
1996-97	26,29,500 & 30 lakhs for Pench under GEF

BENEFICIARY ORIENTED SCHEME FOR TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT

Years	Amount in Rs.
1992-93	6,48,000
1993-94	7,50,000
1994-95	—
1995-96	16,000,00
1996-97	77,92,000

Statement showing reported number of Tigers in Tigers Reserves of Madhya Pradesh

Name of Reserve	Year of Creation	1979	1984	1989	1993	1995
1. Kanha (M.P)	1973-74	71	109	97	100	97
2. Indravati (M.P.)	1982-83	-	38	28	18	15
3. Pench (M.P.)	1992-93	-	-	-	39	27
4. Bandhavgarh (M.P.)	1993-94	-	-	-	41	46
5. Panna (M.P.)	1994-95	-	-	-	25	22
		71	147	125	223	207